

REMARKS

This application claims priority to German Patent Application No. 102 27 059.7, filed June 17, 2002 and PCT/DE03,01925, filed June 10, 2003.

This Preliminary Amendment modifies the international application with an amended specification and new claims. The amended specification and new claims do not add new matter. The originally filed claims 1-12 have been canceled and new claims 13-32 have been added. Claims 13-32 will therefore be pending upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment.

Examination of claims 13-32 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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